



**19<sup>th</sup> Thessaloniki International Wine Competition &  
5<sup>th</sup> Thessaloniki International Spirits Competition**

The 2019 Thessaloniki International Wine & Spirits Competition was successfully completed, giving strong evidence that it has become a major institution for Greek wine. The Competition is organized by the Wine Producers Association of the Northern Greece Vineyard.

25 wine tasters from Greece and abroad (Masters of Wine and Masters Sommeliers, enologists, sommeliers, wine journalists and other wine professionals) tasted 865 samples: 831 wines from Greece, Cyprus, Brasil, France and Bulgaria and 34 spirits from Greece and Cyprus. The judges were allocated in 5 panels, each of which was assisted by an associate (trainee) judge.

The main characteristic of this year's competition was the excellent quality of the samples submitted, a great number of which achieved the rate for a medal. The samples submitted and the attributed medals per country are the following:

<b>WINES</b>					
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>MEDALS TOTAL</b>	<b>SAMPLES TOTAL</b>
<b>Greece</b>	50	172	316	<b>538</b>	<b>728</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	8	12	31	<b>51</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Brasil</b>	1	5	7	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>France</b>	0	2	1	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	0	1	1	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>831</b>

<b>SPIRITS</b>					
<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>MEDALS TOTAL</b>	<b>SAMPLES TOTAL</b>
<b>Greece</b>	4	4	16	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Cyprus</b>	1	2	1	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>

The results of the 2019 Thessaloniki International Wine & Spirits Competition are as follows:

#### **BEST WINE OF THE COMPETITION**

The best wines of each category, provided they were awarded a gold medal rating, are re-tasted by all the judges. The distinction for the Best Wine of the Competition is awarded to:

**Ramnista 2013, PDO Naoussa – Kir Yianni S.A.**

#### **BEST WINES OF EACH CATEGORY**

The best wines of each category are re- tasted by all judges and awarded the distinction of the best wine of each category: best white wine, best rosé wine, best red wine, best dessert wine, best sparkling wine, best 'retsina' wine.

##### **Best Red Wine**

Ramnista 2013, PDO Naoussa – Kir Yianni S.A.

##### **Best Rose Wine**

Akres 2018, P.G.I. Peloponnisos – Domaine Skouras S.A.

##### **Best White Wine**

Plano Assyrtiko 2016, P.G.I. Drama – Wine Art Estate

##### **Best Dessert Wine**

Saint Barnabas Commandaria 2002 – Kamanterena SODAP Ltd.

##### **Best Sparkling Wine**

Garibaldi Espumante Brut Chardonnay - Coop. Vinicola Garibaldi Ltda.

## Best 'Retsina' Wine

Tear of the Pine 2018 – Kechris

### BEST SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION

The distinction for the Best Spirit of the Competition is awarded to the spirit with the highest rating to:

**Kanenas Tsipouro – Evangelos Tsantalis S.A.**

### SPECIAL AWARDS

In order to present the richness and diversity of the Greek wine production and acquaint the public with the Greek grape varieties, the 19<sup>th</sup> Thessaloniki International Wine Competition awarded additional special prizes to the following categories provided that at least 5 samples participate per category and their ratings correspond at least to a bronze medal.

1.	Special award to a dry, single-variety wine from <b>Malagouzia</b>	<b>Malagouzia 2018</b> White, PGI Chalkidiki	Winery <b>Livadiotis Athanasios</b>
2.	Special award to a dry, single-variety wine from <b>Assyrtiko</b>	<b>Plano Assyrtiko 2016</b> White, PGI Drama	Winery <b>Wine Art Estate</b>
3.	Special award to a dry, rose single-variety wine from <b>Moschofilero</b>	<b>Gris de Nuit 2018</b> Rose, PGI Arkadia	Winery <b>Tselepos S.A.</b>
4.	Special award to a dry, red single-variety wine from <b>Agiorgitiko</b>	<b>Dryopi Estate Reserve 2015</b> Red, PDO Nemea	Winery <b>Tselepos S.A.</b>
5.	Special award to a dry, red single-variety wine from <b>Xinomavro</b>	<b>Ράμνιστα 2013</b> Red, PDO Naoussa	Winery <b>Kir Yianni S.A.</b>
6.	Special award to a dry, single-variety wine from <b>Vidiano</b>	<b>Vidiano 2018</b> White, PGI Crete	Winery <b>Domaine Paterianaki</b>
7a.	Special award to a dry, single-variety wine from <b>Xynisteri</b>	<b>Xynisteri 2018</b> White, PGI Lemessos	Winery <b>Tsiakkas Winery Ltd.</b>
7b.	Special award to a dry, single-variety wine from <b>Xynisteri</b>	<b>Xynisteri KEO 2018</b> White, Varietal Wine of Cyprus	Winery <b>KEO Public Company Ltd.</b>
7c.	Special award to a dry, single-variety wine from <b>Xynisteri</b>	<b>Xynisteri Single Vineyard 2017</b> White, PDO Krasohoria Lemessos	Winery <b>Zambartas Wineries</b>